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### **MARION MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION VIOLATION**

**Columbia, South Carolina** ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Carroll Lynn Williams, age 36, of Marion, SC, pled guilty Wednesday in federal court in Florence, to failure to register as a sex offender, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2250(a). United States District Judge Terry L. Wooten of Florence accepted the plea and will impose sentence after he has reviewed the presentence report which will be prepared by the U.S. Probation Office.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that Williams was convicted on October 31, 1997, in Marlboro County, of committing a lewd act on a minor. Williams registered as a sex offender when he was released from prison and transferred his sex offender registration to Texas when he moved. In November 2011, Williams returned to South Carolina but failed to change his registration in Texas or register in South Carolina. Williams was arrested on February 24, 2012, by the United States Marshals Service.

Mr. Nettles stated the maximum penalty Williams can receive is a fine of

\$250,000.00 and/or imprisonment for 10 years, and lifetime supervision, plus a special assessment of \$100.00.

The case was investigated by agents of the United States Marshals Service. Assistant United States Attorney William E. Day, of the Florence office handled the case.

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